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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1930

DATE PREPARED: Jan 17, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Academic Programs in State Institutions.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

(A) It provides that the Department of Correction may not arrange for academic and vocational education instruction for confined offenders to be given by private educational agencies in Indiana.

(B) It requires that educational programs in certain state institutions (Department of Correction facilities and the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home) be: (1) consistent with the state's academic standards for primary and secondary students; and (2) offered in a manner that allows a student who successfully completes the state's requirements for graduation to receive a diploma.

(C) It provides that the superintendents of the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home, the Indiana School for the Blind, and the Indiana School for the Deaf may not contract with a private entity to provide educational services under an academic and vocational education program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Provision A:* The Department of Correction (DOC) has on staff 262.47 full- and part-time teachers who are assigned to DOC facilities. DOC also employs some teacher aides through an employment agency. In addition the Department has arrangements with Oakland City College, Martin University, and Grace College to provide post-secondary educational services for offenders at six DOC facilities.

If the provision allowing DOC to contract with private educational agencies is removed from statute, the Department may have to adjust programming as they try to obtain qualified teachers.

Provision B: The Department of Correction indicates that to comply with the change in academic standards, it may need to hire a curriculum consultant and more teachers in some juvenile facilities.

The Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home would not experience any increase in administrative

expenses to meet the academic requirements of this bill. The Home is currently required to be accredited by the State in accordance with current law, so all education programs (including vocational education) leading to a high school diploma are currently to be conducted in accordance with Indiana Academic Standards.

Provision C: The Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home, the Indiana School for the Blind, and the Indiana School for the Deaf do not contract with private entities for educational services. Consequently, this provision will have no effect on these facilities.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction, Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Childrens' Home, Indiana School for the Deaf, and Indiana School for the Blind.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Correction, Planning Division; Robert Marra, Department of Education; State Budget Agency.